

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method **for handling information** in which a set of structural data and functional data of a chemical substance, which is internal information of a single individual or a single company or a single organization or a single group, is related and accommodated in a data base and such related set of data is analyzed and classified, and further converted in a form which enables corresponding individual or company or organization or group who has submitted the original set of structural data and functional data to conveniently search for needed information at later times, and accommodated and cumulatively stored in another data base.
2. (Original) A data base constructed by the method according to claim 1.
3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 to relate a set of structural data and functional data of a **plurality of** chemical **substance substances**.
4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 to analyze and classify, and further convert a set of structural data and functional data of a **plurality of** chemical **substance substances** in a form which enables individual or company or organization or group who has submitted the original set of structural data and functional data to conveniently search for needed information at later times, and accommodate and cumulatively store such converted data in a data base.
5. (Original) An information library of chemical substances constructed according to the method in claim 1.
6. (Original) A system comprising the information library constructed according to claim 5 and means to enable individual or company or organization or group who has submitted the original set of structural data and functional data to search for needed information at different times.
7. (Currently Amended) A method **for handling information** in which a set of structural data and functional data of each of chemical substances possessed internally by

multiple sectors selected from individuals, companies, organizations and groups of individuals is related and accommodated in a data base and such related set of data is analyzed and classified, and further converted in a form which enables a person to conveniently search for needed information at later times, and accommodated and cumulatively stored in another data base.

8. (Original) A database constructed by the method according to claim 7.
9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7 to relate a set of structural data and functional data of a **plurality of** chemical ~~substance~~ **substances**.
10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7 to analyze and classify, and further convert a set of structural data and functional data of a **plurality of** chemical ~~substance~~ **substances** in a form which enables a person to conveniently search for needed information at later times, and accommodate and cumulatively store such converted data in a data base.
11. (Currently Amended) An information library ~~or~~ **of** chemical substances constructed according to the method in claim 7.
12. (Original) A system comprising the information library constructed according to claim 11 and means to enable a person to search for needed information at different times.
13. (New) A method for handling information on chemical substances, comprising:
 - identifying a set of structural data and functional data of a chemical substance internally by an entity;
 - relating and accommodating the set of structural data and functional data of a chemical substance in a first data base;
 - analyzing and classifying the related set of data;

converting the related set of data in a form which enables the entity who has submitted the set of structural data and functional data to conveniently search for needed information at later times;

accommodating and cumulatively storing the converted related set of data in a second data base; and

accessing the second data base and searching the second data base for needed information, wherein the entity accessing the second data base is the same entity who has submitted the set of structural data and functional data.

14. (New) A computer system for implementing the method of claim 13.

15. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein a set of structural data and functional data of a plurality of chemical substances is related.

16. (New) An information library of chemical substances adapted to be used when practicing the method according to claim 13.

17. (New) A system comprising the information library constructed according to claim 16, wherein the information library is adapted to enable the entity who has submitted the original set of structural data and functional data to search for needed information at different times.

18. (New) A method for handling information on chemical substances, comprising:

selecting a set of structural data and functional data of chemical substances possessed internally by a plurality of sectors;

relating and accommodating the selected set of structural data and functional data in a first data base;

analyzing and classifying the data;

converting the data into a form which enables a person to conveniently search for needed information at later times;

accommodating and cumulatively storing the converted data in a second database; and

accessing the second data base and searching the second data base for needed information, wherein the person accessing the second data base is associated with at least one of the plurality of sectors who had internally possessed the data.

19. (New) A computer system for implementing the method of claim 18.
20. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein a set of structural data and functional data of a plurality of chemical substances is related.
21. (New) An information library of chemical substances adapted to be used when practicing the method according to claim 18.
22. (New) A system comprising the information library constructed according to claim 21, wherein the information library is adapted to enable a person associated with the at least one of the plurality of sectors to search for needed information at different times.